

Mr. Speaker, this Congress and my office in particular are about to lose a tremendous resource, but I know Mr. Hamparian will stay involved in the public arena and will continue to offer his services to the people of America, wherever he may live or work.

I want to take this moment to thank him for all he has done for me and all he has done for this Congress and to wish him and his family the blessings of God and every joy known to this world.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH M. DeMARIA

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Mr. Joseph M. DeMaria, a member of the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee. His active participation in monthly Sunday morning meetings will be sorely missed.

Mr. DeMaria was a construction engineer with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, serving on the Worcester Commuter Rail Extension Project. He was a member of the United States Army Infantry following Officers' Candidate School in Fort Benning, Georgia, and served in the National Guard.

He was a member of the Engineering and Technical Union Local 5, St. Anne's Church, Shrewsbury Knights of Columbus-Adelphi Council 4181, Italian American Victory Club, and formerly a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4. In 1973, the Massachusetts Jaycees named him Outstanding Young Leader of the Year.

Mr. DeMaria was an active campaigner, a Town Meeting Member for 20 years, a member of the Shrewsbury Cable TV Commission, and a delegate to State Democratic Conventions. His participation and Leadership in Little League, Youth football, and coaching of the Victor Quaranta Post 397 American Legion is legendary.

Mr. DeMaria's devotion to his family, including his sons Frank, Joe, Anthony and Paul, was well known. Therefore, it is a great pleasure to honor Joseph DeMaria at the 2001 Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award for a life that embodied the values of Eleanor Roosevelt.

BUSH TO BIN LADEN

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add the following article to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. It appeared in the New York Times on Friday, October 12, 2001, on page A23.

BUSH TO BIN LADEN

(By Thomas L. Friedman)

The White House has asked U.S. networks to limit broadcasts of statements by Osama bin Laden. I wish that instead of censorship, the president would respond to him. Here's what Mr. Bush could say:

Dear bin Laden: I've listened to the statement you released through Al Jazeera TV.

Since I know that no Arab or Muslim leader will dare answer you, I thought I would do it. Let me be blunt: Your statement was pathetic. It's obvious from what you said that you don't have a clue why we're so strong or why the Arab regimes you despise are so weak.

You spoke about the suicide attacks on us as being just revenge for the "80 years of humiliation and disgrace" the Islamic nation has gone through. You referred to the hijackers as a Muslim vanguard sent "to destroy America," the leader of the "international infidels," and you denounced the Arab regimes as "hypocrites" and "hereditary rulers."

What was most revealing, though, was what you didn't say: You offered no vision of the future. This was probably your last will and testament—I sure hope so—and you could have said anything you wanted to future generations. After all, it was your mike. Yet you had nothing to say. Your only message to the Muslim world was whom to hate, not what to build—let alone how.

In part it's because you really don't know much about Islamic history. The Muslim world reached the zenith of its influence in the Middle Ages—when it preserved the best of classical Greek and Roman teachings, and inspired breakthroughs in mathematics, science, medicine and philosophy. That is also when Islam was at its most open to the world, when it enriched, and was enriched by, the Christian, Greek and Jewish communities in its midst—whom you now disparage as infidels—and when it was actively trading with all corners of the world. Your closed, inward, hate-filled version of Islam—which treats women as cattle and all non-Muslims as enemies—corresponds with no period of greatness for Islam, and will bring none.

It was also revealing that the only Arab state you mentioned was Iraq. Interesting—Iraq is led by a fascist dictator, Saddam Hussein, who used poison gas against his own people, who squandered Iraq's oil wealth to build himself palaces and who raped Kuwait. But you are silent about all that. What bothers you is our targeted sanctions to end such a regime—not the regime itself.

In other words, you not only don't understand the Muslim past, you don't understand its present. The reason these past 80 years have been so stagnant for the Arab-Muslim world is not because we in America have been trying to keep you down. Actually, we haven't been thinking about you much at all. No, the difference between American power, Chinese power, Latin American power and Arab-Muslim power today is what we've each been doing for these past 80 years. We and others have been trying to answer many questions: How do we best educate our kids? How do we increase our trade? How do we build an industrial base? How do we increase political participation? And we judged our leaders on how well they answered all those questions.

But people like you want Arabs and Muslims to ask only one question of their leaders: How well did you fight the infidels and Israelis? I know that who rules Jerusalem is a deeply important part of your heritage, and every Arab-Muslim leader must address it. But it can't be the only question. Yet, because people like you have reduced it to the only question, and tried to intimidate ever Arab who wanted to ask other questions, you have allowed your region to be led by scoundrels, like Saddam.

Yes, you've wreaked some havoc, bin Laden, but don't flatter yourself into thinking you can destroy us. You have to build something strong to destroy something strong. But you can't. Because all the intellectual and creative energies in the Arab-Muslim world—which are as bountiful as in

any other region—can never reach their full potential under repressive regimes like Iraq or leaders like yourself.

Stalin and Mao killed a lot of their own people, but even these thugs had a plan for their societies. You, bin Laden, are nothing but a hijacker—a hijacker of Islam, a hijacker of other people's technology, a hijacker of a vast Arab nation's anger at its own regimes. But you have no vision and no plan for your people. Which is why your epitaph will be easy to write:

Osama bin Laden—he destroyed much, he built nothing. His lasting impact was like a footprint in the desert.

A TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY LUGER

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, in my years of service I have met and worked with many people. Of these people, I have found few who equal my chief of staff, Kimberly Luger.

Kim has been with me since the beginning, serving the people of Virginia as my aide in the General Assembly and coming to Washington to open and lead my congressional offices. With an inexhaustible knowledge of the people and issues of the Seventh District of Virginia, Kim serves with a professionalism, dedication, and enthusiasm that is exemplary. She rises to every challenge and with her loyalty and commitment meets or exceeds every goal.

Although she is an invaluable asset to me and to the people of Virginia, Kim has decided to leave the world of congressional affairs. In December, Kim and her husband, Charles Luger, are expecting their first child. After her years of service, Kim will turn her inexhaustible talents toward her family.

Mr. Speaker, Kim and Charles will be wonderful parents, and I hope you will join me and my family in wishing them the best on this exciting new chapter of their lives and thanking Kim for her contributions to the people of the Seventh District of Virginia.

WORLD POPULATION AWARENESS WEEK

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2001

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, rapid population growth and urbanization have become catalysts for many serious environmental problems and are applying substantial pressures on infrastructure, manifested especially in pollution, transportation, health, sanitation, and public safety problems; making urbanization an issue cannot afford to ignore. Cities and urban areas today occupy only 2 percent of the Earth's land, but contain half of the world's population and consume 75 percent of its resources.

It is therefore important for us to recognize the problems associated with rapid population growth and urbanization. Governor Kitzhaber has proclaimed the week of October 21–27 of this year as World Population Awareness Week in the great State of Oregon, and I